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Contract

PRO004569 - Services - Framework - Assurance Services

United Utilities Water Limited

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<http://www.unitedutilities.com>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/43984>

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PRO004569 - Services - Framework - Assurance Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

United Utilities Water (UW) seek to secure suppliers to provide assurance services. The nature of the assurance activity will vary depending on the nature and impact of the elements of the programmes, projects and submissions that are being assured.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Assurance Aggregation

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope includes, but is not limited to:

- Development of an assurance plan/roadmap aligned to the UUW Assurance Framework, reviewing the adequacy of the planned scope of work and deliverables, together with the plan to deliver these activities
- Review of the programme/project management including governance and control
- Review of the application of the UUW Assurance Framework and associated risk based assessment
- Assuring any processes used are developed in a way which will provide reliable, accurate and complete data
- Where applicable a review of the requirement traceability matrix and alignment with regulatory requirements
- Provide the holistic view of UUW internal assurance and specialist third party assurance activity to ensure comprehensive coverage against the requirements and risk based assessment.
- Accurately assessing any risk exposure within the relevant submission
- Undertaking a robust process to ensure that the resultant outputs will be deliverable to the specified time and cost constraints
- Development of a consolidated assurance review and associated findings for UUW
- Confirming that the submission has been developed in a way which will provide reliable, accurate and complete data
- Confirming that the submission is good enough to be assessed as being high quality against relevant requirements with risks identified and described appropriately
- Confirming that the planned submissions and supporting documentation will be able to be delivered to the quality and time assumptions
- Providing sufficient evidential support for any UUW Board assurance statement (this could include evidential proof points, reports or attendance at board meetings)
- UUW may need to share the findings of the assurance findings/reports with its regulators, the Supplier will need to support this requirement

- Delivery of agreed outcomes as per assignment (assurance findings and recommendations)
- Where required, creation of programme/submissions lessons learned for UUW

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 year framework agreement with the option to extend by 6 years in 12 month increments

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Specialist Assurance

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope includes, but is not limited to:

- Specialist, technical or expert assurance, deep dive assessments on topics to be specified by the Company

- Accurately assessing any risk exposure within the relevant submission
- Undertaking a robust process to ensure that the resultant outputs will be deliverable to the specified time and cost constraints
- Confirming that the deliverable has been developed in a way which will provide reliable, accurate and complete data
- Where required, creation of programme/submissions lessons learned for UUW
- Delivery of agreed outcomes as per assignment (Assurance, findings and recommendations)

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 year framework agreement with the option to extend by 6 years in 12 month increments

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Cost and Financial Information Assurance

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope includes, but is not limited to:

- Specialist cost and financial and information assurance, deep dive assessments on topics to be specified by the Company
- Determine the adequacy and effectiveness of the cost estimation process implemented by UU and undertaken by third parties
- Delivery of agreed outcomes as per assignment (Assurance, findings and recommendations).
- Managing and influencing Key Stakeholders.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 year framework agreement with the option to extend by 6 years in 12 month increments

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Assurance Aggregation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 August 2022

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Specialist Assurance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 August 2022

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

3

Title

Lot 3 - Cost and Financial Information Assurance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 August 2022

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England & Wales

City of Westminster

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

United Utilities

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

United Utilities

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom